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XXI. FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 21 at its 7th meeting, on 19 March, at its 54th and 55th meetings, on 20 April 1998, and at its 58th meeting, on 22 April 1998. 1/

2. For the documents issued under agenda item 21, see annex IV to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairman's statements, by agenda item, see annex V to the present report.

3. At the 7th meeting, on 19 March 1998, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Mary Robinson, introduced her report (E/CN.4/1998/104 and E/CN.4/1998/122) (see also chapter III).

4. In the general debate on agenda item 22, statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Austria (54th), Bangladesh (55th), Brazil (54th), Chile (54th), China (54th), Denmark (54th), Germany (55th), Pakistan (55th), Russian Federation (55th), Tunisia (55th), Ukraine (55th).

5. The Commission heard a statement by the observer for Egypt (55th).

6. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: Association for World Education (joint statement with Christian Solidarity International) (55th), Centre for European Studies (55th), Commission for the Defence of Human Rights in Central America (55th), Federation of Associations for the Defence and Promotion of Human Rights (55th), Human Rights Internet (55th), Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru" (55th), International Movement for Fraternal Union Among Races and Peoples (55th), International Women's Tribune Centre (55th), Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees (55th), World Federation of Democratic Youth (55th), World Muslim Congress (55th).

7. A statement in exercise of the right of reply or its equivalent was made by the observer for Ethiopia (55th).

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

8. At its 58th meeting, on 22 April 1998, the representative of Austria introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.103, sponsored by Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia,

Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Nicaragua, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, Venezuela and Zambia. Angola, Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Cyprus, El Salvador, Madagascar, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

9. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/78.